

Appl. No.
Preliminary Amendment

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A die plate for a stamping machine, the die plate including:
a plate steel back to be secured to the machine;
a metal impression layer secured to the steel back and to engage a substrate to impart an image thereto upon pressure being applied to the die plate and substrate by the machine; and
a compressible adhesive securing the image layer to the steel back.
2. (Original) The die plate of claim 1 wherein the compressible adhesive is an acrylic polymer.
3. (Original) The die plate of claim 1 wherein the adhesive is an epoxy resin.
4. (Original) The die plate of claim 1 wherein its compressible adhesive is a phenolic based resin.
5. (Currently Amended) The die plate of ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1 wherein the impression layer is formed of brass, steel, copper, zinc, magnesium, aluminium or photo-polymer.
6. (Currently Amended) The die plate of ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein said die plate has iron embedded in the adhesive.
7. (Original) The die plate of claim 6 wherein the iron embedded in said adhesive is in a particle form.
8. (Original) The die plate of claim 6 wherein the iron embedded in said adhesive is in the form of a mesh.
9. (Original) The die plate of claim 6 wherein the iron embedded in said adhesive is in the form of a perforated plate.
10. (Currently Amended) The die plate of ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1 wherein the plate has thickness of about 0.25 mm to about 1 mm.

11. (Original) The die plate of claim 10 wherein the die plate has a thickness of about 0.25 mm.
12. (Original) The die plate of claim 10 wherein the die plate has a thickness of about 0.6 mm.